

# CARSON NATIONAL FOREST



## Forest Plan Revision Overview

# Community Forest

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1. The Forest is what makes the community a community
2. 52 small communities within our boundaries
3. Land Grants
4. Acequias
5. Tribes
6. Recreation Communities



# Assessment

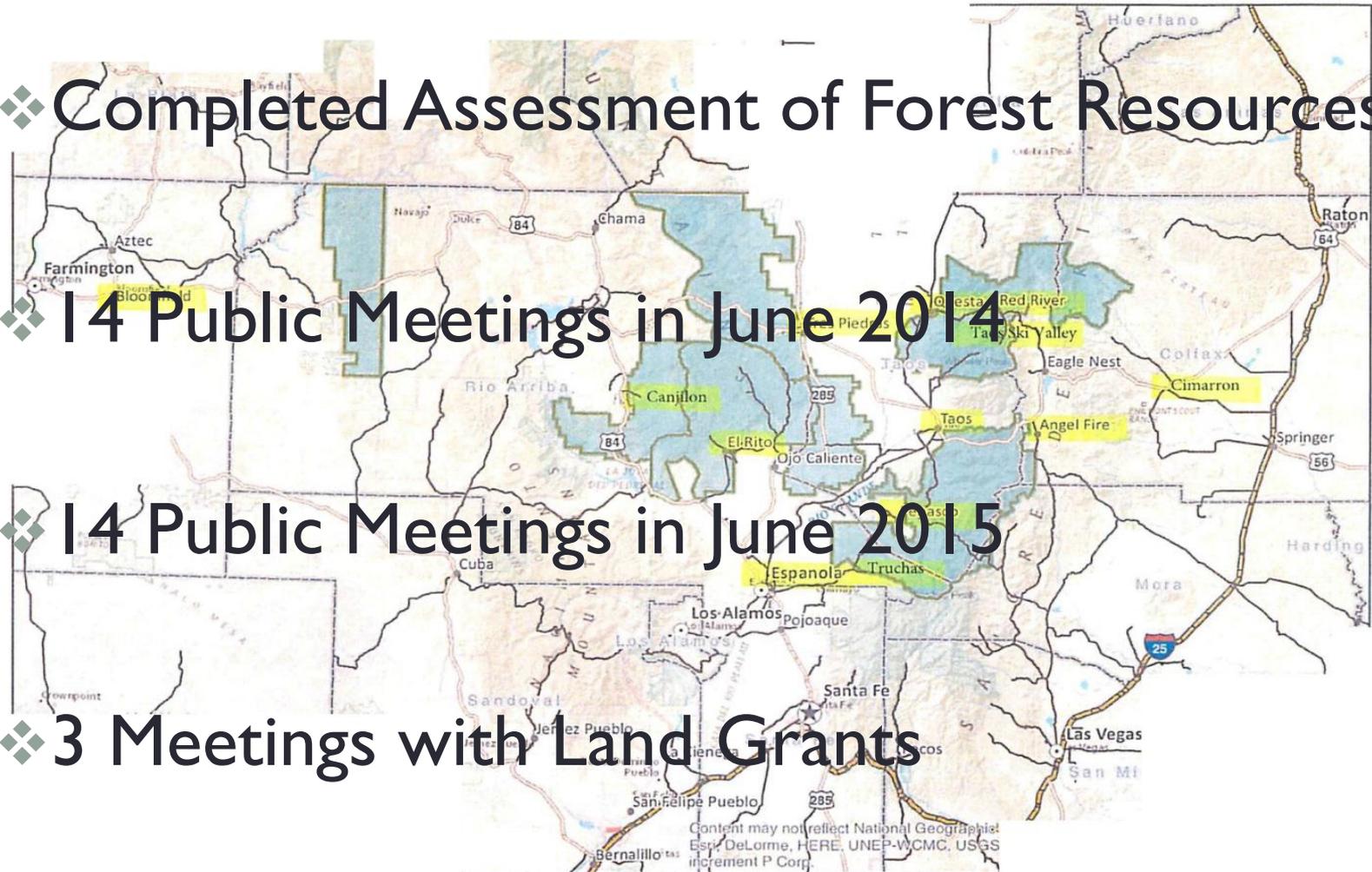
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❖ Completed Assessment of Forest Resources

❖ 14 Public Meetings in June 2014

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❖ 3 Meetings with Land Grants



# What is Important

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1. Water
2. Traditional and Cultural Uses
3. Recreation
4. Wildlife
5. Vegetation Health



# What have we Learned?

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- *“I cherish having accessible nature trails”*
- *“Its important to me because I use it for hunting and fishing, for wood, and camping”*
- *“It is important to my livelihood; without summer range for my livestock, I would be unable to support my family.”*

# Where to Next?

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## ❖ Plan Development

### ❖ What is a Forest Plan?

- ❖ Vision for how we want forest Resources to be managed in the future

- ❖ Ecological Resources

- ❖ Social/Cultural/Economic Resources

# Timeline?

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## Plan Development

- June – Oct 2016 - Preliminary Draft Proposed Plan
  - Develop Plan components
  - Identify any Special Management Areas
  - Develop Alternatives (Including any Wilderness)
- Nov – April 2017 - Develop Draft EIS
- May 2017 – Release Draft Proposed Plan and DEIS

# Public Engagement

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- ❖ Cooperating Agencies – Government Working Group
- ❖ Comments / Feedback from Public
  - Website and Public meetings
- ❖ Forest Service Liaisons
  - Continuous discussion with Tribes, Land Grants, Acequias, other traditional users, NGO's, towns



# Forest Plan Revision Process

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- **QUESTIONS?????**



# Wilderness Process

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- ❖ Inventory of Lands
- ❖ Evaluation for Wilderness Character
- ❖ Analysis
- ❖ Recommendation

